(c) what measures Government have adopted to boost up the capital formation in rural sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The official estimates of capital formation are not prepared for rural sector separately. However, such estimates are available for agriultural sector which would represent, to a certain extent, capital formation in rural secor. The estimates of gross capital formation in agriculture at 1980-81 prices increased from Rs. 4499 crore in 1981-82 to Rs. 4580 crore in 1991-92.

(c) The economic reform measures initiated by Government particularly more relating to the fiscal and trade reforms and the increased budgetary allocation of funds for investments in rural sector are aimed at, inter-alia, enhancing capital formation in rural sector.

Amount sanctioned to Gujarat under debt Relief scheme

927. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of farmers and rural artisans in different parts of the country who have been benefited to far by the Debt Relief Scheme;

(b) what amount has been sanctioned under this scheme for the State of Gujarat;

(c) what amount has been released for Gujarat after December 1991; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in releasing the remaining amount and by when it will be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990 a total number of 316.32 lakh beneficiaries have been provided relief throughout the country involving an amount of Rs. 7760.81 crores.

(b) and (c) Position of debt relief provided in the State of Gujarat and the amount released to the Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks in the State under the ARDR Scheme is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	Cooperative Banks	Regional Rural Banks
(i) Relief provided	351.53	8.60
(ii) Amount so far sanctioned	297.12	6.68
(iii) Of (ii) above amount sanctioned after 31-12-1991	77.94	2.57

(d) The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has advised the Cooperative Banks and the RRBs to submit revised claim statements after excluding the claims in respect of ineligible borrowers, and the amount pertaining to the penal and compound interest. Further amount, if any, would be considered for release by NABARD after receipt of the revised and final claim statements from the banks.

Shemes to attract small savings

928. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the small savings collections has been declined sharply as a result of withdrawal of certain incentives under the Income-Tax Act;

(b) whether Govetnment would consider a proposal to sanction benefits under section 81 and 88-A of the Income Tax Act in the scripts like Indira Vikas Patras and Kisan Vikas Patras; and